Dorchester, Sunday eve. Sept 25. 47

Dear Caroline,

I have been wailing & wailing with the expectation of seeing you for a long time, hoping that I should go to Weymouth or that you would stop here in your flittings to & fro from the city to your father's, as I hear that they are frequent; but hope has become weary, and expectation faint, and I write to learn what the prospect is of our seeing you here, or finding you at home were we to ride over to Weymouth. I have proposed to Mr. Smith a number of times to go over to your fathers, but it being difficult for him to find time & the uncertainty of finding you at home, have thus far prevented. I saw Mrs. Fifield in the Cars some three or four weeks ago, & she promised to come & spend a day or part of a day & bring you with her, if you consented, but I have looked in vain. I hear through our friend Quincy, that you have left New Bedford. I am sorry that circumstances led you to give up your situation, if it is a disappointment to you, but I hope it will lead to your locating yourself in Boston, which may be more advantageous to you, and more pleasant to your

friends. I am glad that so pleasant an arrangement has been made for Miss Chapman so that her family losses will in part be made up by your sister and her children, notwithstanding, I fear, by Mrs Maria W. Chapman giving up her house, the Fair will be obliged to be given up, according to brother Quincy as there will be no place in the whole City to store the Foreign goods, & domestic either I suppose. Mrs Chapman's appeal to the public in behalf of the Fair is excellent, but I am afraid it will not bring the 10,000 into the hands of the Anti-Slavery Society. However, the people are fast changing, even the Christian Register is so steeped in Anti-Slavery that I find nothing new in it, and even the Mail mentions Mr Garrisons sickness with regret. I long to have a good talk with an Abolitionist for I have lived with pro-slavery people all summer. We have had a Judge and his wife, & an old scholar of ours & her husband to board with us this summer, but they have no sympathy with us. I think, however, they will go away with rather different views from what they came.

I write but a few lines, as I hope to see you very soon, and these few I have written in such haste that they are scarce legible. If I do not see you soon do write to me, & let me know how you are, and what you are doing. Mr. Smith & Maria send their love to you, & wish very much to see you. Give my regards to your sisters and remember your old friend Evelina A. S. Smith

Miss Caroline Weston

Weymouth.

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